



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 7824**  
Yoshio UMEZAWA et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2005\_1843A  
Serial No. 10/557,992 : Group Art Unit 1632  
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A PAIR OF PROBES FOR ANALYZING  
PROTEIN-PROTEIN INTERACTION  
AND A METHOD FOR ANALYZING  
PROTEIN-PROTEIN  
INTERACTION USING THE SAME : **Mail Stop: AMENDMENT**

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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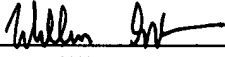
Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated January 11, 2008, Applicants hereby elect the invention identified as Group I (claims 1-5), drawn to a pair of probes for analyzing protein-protein interactions, which comprises: a probe A containing at least an N-terminal half polypeptide of split *Renilla* luciferase; and a probe B containing at least the remaining C-terminal half polypeptide of split *Renilla* luciferase.

Favorable action on the merits is now requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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